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Soldiers failing to comply with the above requirements will, without exception be dealt with and punished as deserters as a matter of course and without further enquiry.

FRIDAY, CENTRAL, 5.30 p.m.
Monday, April 17.—Nos. 13 and 11 Sections under Chief Inspector Mason. Also Ambulance Recruits.

Tuesday, April 18th.—All Sergeants appointed since January 1st.

Wednesday, April 19th.—Nos. 13 and 11 Sections under Sergeant Major. Recruits of No. 2 Company and Ambulance.

Thursday, April 20th.—Recruits of No. 1 Company.

DETACHMENT.

For leaving the Colony without permission and for failing to arrange for the performance of his duties, a P.C. of No. 3 Company is ordered 12 hours Cells' Duty.

NO. 2 PLATOON.

Will parade in mass with rifles at Water Police Station at 5.30 p.m. punctually on Tuesday, April 18th.

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As Summer Uniform may be ordered to be worn on Patrol Duty, etc., at any moment, Section Commanders and Equipment Officers are warned to see that their men are equipped without delay.

TRANSFER.

Staff Inspector T. Hynes is transferred to H.K.V.R.

(Sgd.) F. C. JENKIN.

D.S.P. (Reserve).



NOTICE.

ANY EUROPEAN, Non-ASIANIC or INDIAN dealing to leave the Colony should apply in writing for permission to do so to the Captain Superintendent of Police, at least 48 hours before the intended hour of departure, giving name, nationality, age, sex, height and occupation of the applicant, and stating the name of the steamer or other vessel or the hours of the train by which the applicant wishes to leave. Applicants should apply in person for their passes at the Central Police Station between the hours of 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. daily.

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£23,970,367

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EXCURSION TO MACAO.

SUNDAY, 16th APRIL.

The Company's Steamship “TAISHAN”

will depart from the COMPANY'S WING LOK STREET WHARF at 9 A.M. and return from Macao at 5 P.M.

N.B.—The Company will also run a steamer from Macao on Sunday morning at 7.30 A.M., and from Hongkong at 1 P.M., from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf.

CANTON-MACAO LINE.

INTIMATIONS

THE ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the above Club will be held in the Club House, Happy Valley, on MONDAY, the 1st April 1916 at 3.30 P.M. for the following purposes.

To receive the Report and Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1915. To elect the Officers and Committee for 1916. To transact any other business.

By Order,
T. W. HILL,
Acting Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, April 7, 1916. 512

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the China Traders' Insurance Company, Limited, will be held at the Head Office of the Company, No. 4, Connaught Road, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 18th day of April, 1916, at 12.30 P.M. for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing as an Extraordinary Resolution the following Resolution, that is to say—

"That the name of the Company be changed to the 'British Traders' Insurance Company, Limited.'

Should the above Resolution be passed by the requisite majority, it will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution to a Second Extraordinary General Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

Dated the Seventh Day of April, 1916.

By Order of the Board,
C. MONTAGUE EDE,
General Manager. 517

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that THE FIFTEENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, No. 4 Queen's Buildings, on TUESDAY, the 18th April, 1916, at 12.30 P.M. for the purpose of receiving the report of the Directors together with the statements of account to 31st December, 1915, and of declaring Dividends &c.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 8th April to 18th April, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
C. MONTAGUE EDE,
General Manager.
Hongkong, April 7, 1916. 518

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that THE FORTY-THIRD ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at its Head Office, No. 4 Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 18th April 1916, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the report of the Directors together with the statements of account to 31st December 1915, and of declaring Dividends &c.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 8th April to 18th April both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
C. MONTAGUE EDE,
General Manager.
Hongkong, April 7, 1916. 519

HONGKONG TRAMWAY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary General Meeting of the Hongkong Tramway Company Limited will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Peacock, Matheson and Company Limited, Scott's Building, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 19th day of APRIL, 1916, at 12 o'clock Noon, to transact the Ordinary Business of the Company.

By Order of the Board,
W. E. ROBERTS,
Secretary.
Hongkong, March 1st, 1916. 533

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-SEVENTH MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Company's Offices, No. 2, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, on THURSDAY, 27th April, 1916, at 12 o'clock Noon for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Account and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1915.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 14th to the 27th April, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. PEMBERTON,
Secretary.
Hongkong, April 11, 1916. 529

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HONGKONG GYMKHANA CLUB.

THE FIRST "GYMKHANA" MEETING of the season will be held at Happy Valley on SATURDAY, the 16th April, 1916, commencing at 3.15 p.m. The charge of admission will be \$1.00 for others than Members of the Hongkong Jockey Club or Gymkhana Club.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform, etc.

The Committee invite the Ladies of Hongkong to be present.

Hongkong, April 13, 1916. 534

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THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction,
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Hongkong, April 12, 1916. 625

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1916, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public
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Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of
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THE DIARY.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.
10.40 a.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, etc. at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.
3 p.m.—Ladies Day at the Royal H.K.Y.C.
3.15 p.m.—First Gymkhana "of the Season."
4.30 p.m.—Tennis Tournament.—Murphy and Sandford v. Lindsay Woods and Abraham. Leith and Muriel. Dodwell and Nisbet.
8.15 p.m.—Children's Theatrical Performance at Mt. Austin Theatre.

General Memoranda.

SUNDAY, April 16.—
Palm Sunday.
9 a.m.—Excursion to Macao by s.s. "Taishan".
MONDAY, April 17.—
4.45 p.m.—Faulkner and Milner Jones v. Green and Claxton.
5.30 p.m.—Annual Meeting of the Royal H.K. Golf Club.
TUESDAY, April 18.—
Noon.—Union Insc. Society's Meeting.
12.30 p.m.—China Traders Insc. Co.'s. Meetings.
1.07 p.m.—Full Moon.
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Furniture, Crockery, Pianos etc. at Messrs. Hughes and Hough's.
WEDNESDAY, April 19.—
12.30 p.m.—Luzon Sugar Refining Co.'s Extraordinary Meeting.
H. K. Tennis Championship:—H. Hancock v. Ng Sze Kwong.
THURSDAY, April 20.—
Maudy Thursday.
FRIDAY, April 21.—
Good Friday.
Public Holiday.
9.15 p.m.—Sacred Music at St. John's Cathedral in aid of Charity.
SATURDAY, April 22.—
Public Holiday.
SUNDAY, April 23.—
Easter Day.
St. George's Day.
MONDAY, April 24.—
Public Holiday.
TUESDAY, April 25.—
3 p.m.—Sale of Crown Land at P.W.D.
TUESDAY, April 26.—
Noon.—China Fire Insc. Co.'s. Meeting.

position and that of his Committee is an extremely powerful one and that there is really no portion of the field of inquiry from which he and his colleagues are excluded." Three distinguished officers representing the Navy, and two representing the Army, as well as the Secretary and Assistant Secretary of the Imperial Defence Committee are members of the Committee. Lord LANSDOWNE said he thought it more difficult to think of a separate "air" policy than of a separate military or naval policy, and he expressed the opinion that the air service must always be to a great extent ancillary to the Army and Navy. When, however, two men like Lord DERNY and Lord MONTAGUE resign from the Air Committee because they have come to regard the Committee as "powerless to effect real reform," it does not look well, and leaves on the public mind a most unsatisfactory impression, which, however, we have no doubt, the Government will lose no time now in dispelling, if that be possible.

THE SITUATION AT CANTON.

There is no news to-day of any serious developments at Canton. We learn that the subject under discussion at the Conference at Dutch Folly when the tragic shooting incidents reported yesterday occurred was a proposal made by Chu Kan, the leader of the Progressive Party, that the Chai Kwan (General Lung's Yunnanese troops) should be disbanded and re-enlisted into the Republican Army. The Military Commanders present were little inclined to agree to the proposal, saying that they saw no use in changing the name by which these troops were known—they could be sent North like any other Republican troops to fight Yuan." Chu Kan replied that the change of name was necessary to avoid trouble, as heretofore the Chai Kwan and the Republican troops had been hostile to each other.

That one of the Military Commanders named Ngan called Chu to an ante-room for a private talk. As they entered the room together Ngan drew a revolver and pointed it in a menacing manner at Chu. Another Army Officer named Ho seeing the revolver pointed and imagining a fight to be actually in progress, fired at Chu himself, but the bullet missed Chu and wounded Ngan in the hand. Chu, however, fell to the ground pretending to be hurt. He crawled into another room and hid himself under a bed.

Meantime there was great commotion in the Conference room and a good deal of shooting by the guards outside. Chu remained hidden for an hour, and when the commotion had subsided, he emerged from under the bed, and gave \$30 to a servant to procure him a boat to take him to Canton. It happened that a steam launch belonging to the Superintendent of the West River Conservancy was passing at the time and a passage to Canton was procured for Chu by this launch.

Chu left Canton the same evening for Hongkong. We learn that many peaceful civilians (Chinese) have been killed or wounded—in the recent indiscriminate shooting. About a hundred or so came under fire in one street. In a very few seconds they had cast their shoes and sprinted off up side streets, or alleys.

A Chinese Company has been formed in San Francisco, under the style of the China Agency & Trading Co., for the purpose of developing a coal trade between China and San Francisco. A San Francisco paper states that the [Company] plans to bring coal from the mines on the north China coast and deliver it in San Francisco wholesale \$2 (gold) per ton cheaper than coal from New Zealand and Australia.

The General Managers of the Senwang Rubber Estates Co., Ltd. at a meeting of the Board of Directors held on the 5th of April, in Shanghai, decided to recommend at the next annual general meeting of shareholders to be held on Monday, the 1st of May, that a final dividend of 20 per cent, equal to One Tael per share, be paid for the financial year ended 31st of January, 1916.

At the Union Church on Wednesday, the 10th inst., at 9 p.m., J. H. Maunders Sacred Cantata "Olivet to Calvary" will be rendered. The soloists are: soprano, Miss Wilkes; tenor, Messrs. Goodall, Handyside and Edgcumbe; baritone, Messrs Gray and Muriel. The chorus is composed of the Choir of Union Church and the kind assistance of the Wesleyan Church Choir and other friends. A collection will be taken in aid of the New Organ Fund.

The Bishop of Victoria will hold a confirmation at 11 a.m. on Sunday at Holy Trinity Church, Old Kowloon City; at St. Andrews, Kowloon, in the evening; and on Wednesday next at 7 p.m. at St. Stephen's Chinese Church. He is announced to give a series of addresses in St. John's Cathedral on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week, being: Holy Week; at 5.30 p.m. his subject being, "Friends of Christ in His Passion"; Monday April 17th, "The three privileged disciples"; Tuesday April 18th, "Mary of Bethany"; Wednesday April 19th "Repentant Malefactor."

The death occurred on March 31st in Tokyo of Mrs. Aylmer-Cotes, wife of Professor Aylmer-Cotes, of the Poer School (and formerly of Macao). Mrs. Aylmer-Cotes was twenty-six years of age. She was married in Hongkong in 1907, says the *Japan Gazette*, and recently celebrated her ninth wedding anniversary. She has been an invalid for six years. In 1909, following an operation at St. Luke's Hospital, her life was despaired of. She, however, rallied, and was removed to her home, but had since been confined to her room. On the night of the 30th ult., she had a very serious heart attack, from which she never rallied, and passed away that following night. Mrs. Aylmer-Cotes left to reward herself, in addition to her husband, three children, the children's last eight years, still maintain that Lord Drury's

CHINESE AFFAIRS.

(Wah Tsai Yet Po's Service.)

MINISTER OF WAR GOING TO SHANGHAI.

PEKING, April 14. Chu Chi Chang, the Premier, has wired to Tong Shao Yi that Duen Kee Sui, Minister of War, is on his way to Shanghai to discuss important matters.

[Presumably this is in connection with the use of the China Merchant steamers for the conveyance of troops.—Ed.]

SZECHUAN THREATENS TO SECEDE.

PEKING, April 14. Chan Yu, General of Szechuan, requests Yuan Shih Kai to abdicate and states that otherwise Szechuan will declare its independence.

THE PRESIDENT AND THE CANTONESE OFFICIALS.

PEKING, April 12. Yuan Shih Kai assembled all the Cantonese officials at Peking and discussed the Kwangtung situation. Leong Dun Lin requested the President to let him return to Canton to investigate.

Chu Shi Chang, Premier, and Duen Kee Sui, Minister of War, propose that an armistice settlement be made with Kwangtung.

THE NEW TUTUH OF CHEKIANG.

SHANGHAI, April 14. Wong Man Hing has been elected Tutuh of Chekiang.

RAILWAYS AND TELEGRAPHS SEIZED.

SHANGHAI, April 13. The railway stations and telegraphic offices in Chekiang province have been seized by the revolutionists.

STATE COUNCILLORS RESIGN.

PEKING, April 13. A Mandate accepts the resignation of four members of the State Council.

MONGOLIA AND THE SITUATION.

PEKING, April 13. The Government will appoint a Pacification Commissioner to proceed to Mongolia.

NEW MANDATE.

PEKING, April 12. A mandate orders the restoration of the Provincial Assembly regulations; and the laws pardoning revolutionaries; and the cancellation of the order for watching members of the National Assembly.

AN AMERICAN LOAN.

PEKING, April 13. The Loan Agreement with an American Syndicate (for \$10,000,000) has been signed.

OFFICIAL SALARIES TO BE PAID PARTLY IN LOAN BONDS.

PEKING, April 13. The salaries of officials will be paid partly in loan bonds from next month.

LOST CRICKET GEAR.

SEQUEL TO THE SINKING OF YAUMATTI FERRY.

The cricket gear of the members of the Hongkong C.C. which went down in the steam-launch "Wing On," the Yaumati ferry, in the harbour collision on January 20th last, will form the subject matter of a claim in the Summary Court after the Easter Vacation. The plaintiff is a coolie named Chau Kwei of the Cricket Club and he is suing Lee Kee & Co. of the Praya Central, launch owners, for \$732. the value of the gear which went down with the ferry. Plaintiff claims that he entered into a contract with the defendants for the conveyance of sixteen cricket bats and bags from Kowloon to Hongkong. The defendants did not carry the gear and he considers they negligently lost them or some of them upon the journey. Plaintiff states that he has suffered damage, by reason of the loss, to the extent of the value already mentioned.

Mr. A. M. Preston, of Messrs. Jones, Storer and Master's Office, will appear for the plaintiff and Mr. P. W. Gedding for the defendants.

The case has been fixed for the 21st instant.

THE FRUIT SEASON.

DOWEL complaint is sure to be crooked during the fruit season. Be sure to keep a bottle of Chamberlain's Cold Cholera and Enteric Remedy on hand. It may save a life. For sale by all Chemists and Storeskeepers.

THE MAGISTRACY.

SIX CHARGES AGAINST A MOTOR-CYCLIST.

A FINE OF \$5.

No less than six charges were brought

against H. E. Kommer of 4 Robinson Road in Mr. J. R. Wood's Court this morning.

The charges were as under:—Failing to

give sufficient warning when approaching a

curve or fork in the road; for driving at

a speed higher than ten miles per hour;

for driving recklessly and in a manner

dangerous to the public; for failing to obey

the directions and signals given by the police

officers in uniform; for neglecting to observe

the rule of the road and for failing to

reduce his speed and keep as close as

possible to the left hand side of the road

when approaching a curve or fork in Lower

Albert Road.

Inspector Garrod withdrew three of the

summons and proceeded with the rule of

the road summons.

Defendant said he was on the right side

of the road. He was turning the corner

he had come from the direction of Govern-

ment Buildings and was proceeding up

Lower Albert Road. He had asked a

great many cyclists about proceeding up

that road and it was the usual thing to

take the right side of the road when turn-

ing that corner.

P. C. Arnold (Reserve) said defendant

came up to the corner on the wrong side of

the road and passed his pony on the wrong

side.

Defendant produced a plan and observed

that it would be impossible for witness to

see him from where he was posted unless

he (defendant) was in the gutter.

The Magistrate said he did not think

it was impossible to see, he passed the spot

every day.

Another Reserve constable who was on

patrol duty with the last witness said

defendant was near the centre of the road.

The Magistrate commented on the

difference in the evidence and in advising

defendant to keep closer into the side of

the road on another occasion, ordered his

discharge.

For not sounding his horn when ap-

proaching the same corner, the Magistrate imposed a fine of \$5.

Defendant said he did sound his horn

near the Government Offices, as there was

a cossie in the way.

The Magistrate was of opinion that he

ought to have sounded it again.

Regarding the summons for driving at a

speed more than ten miles an hour,

Inspector Garrod said there was no expert

evidence and asked that the case might be

withdrawn.

This was accordingly done.

The net result, therefore, was four sum-

mances withdrawn, one discharged and a

conviction—the revenue benefiting to the

extent of \$5.

ANOTHER MOTORIST SUMMONED.

J. McCubbin, of the Hongkong Gas

Company's Works, was fined \$10 by Mr. J.

R. Wood this morning for failing to have a

rear light on his motor car.

Defendant said the light was correct

when he left

THE WAR.

TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

GERMAN CLAIMS AT VERDUN.

REPULSED BY THE FRENCH.

LONDON, April 13. The Germans claim to have taken a total of 35,816 unwounded prisoners at Verdun between February 21 and April 10th.

This exceeds the total of the French dead, and wounded and those made prisoners. The latter does not exceed 17,000.

CALM AT VERDUN.

GERMAN ATTEMPTED ATTACK RENDERED ABSORBENT.

PARIS, April 13.

Last night was calm at Verdun. A communiqué says that a German attack was prepared at dusk yesterday against Hill 304, but the enemy was unable to leave his trenches. Our curtain-fire and an enfilading fire from neighbouring batteries on the German columns assembled at Malancourt Wood appears to have rendered the operation abortive.

THE FLOODS IN MESOPOTAMIA.

LONDON, April 13.

General Lake reports that the weather is very bad. There was a hurricane yesterday and torrents of rain. The floods on both sides of the Tigris are increasing.

ENEMY SECURITIES SEIZED IN MAIL.

LONDON, April 13.

Sir Edward Grey has stated in the House of Commons that the face value of enemy securities seized in mail is £1,000,000. They would be dealt with by the Prize Court in the same way as other German exports. Various neutrals had protested and discussion with them is proceeding.

GOLD AND SILVER DECLARED CONTRABAND.

LONDON, April 13.

Gold, Silver, Paper Money and Securities have been included in the latest list of absolute contraband.

MORE MERCANTILE LOSSES.

LONDON, April 13.

The Dutch steamer "Columbus" has been mined in the Channel, and has arrived at Gravesend.

The Russian sailing ship "Imperator" has been sunk. Nine men were saved; some of them are injured.

LATER.

The Swedish steamer "Murjek" has been sunk.

OBITUARY.

LONDON, April 13.

The death is announced of Richard Harding Davis, the well-known American novelist and playwright.

THE FINANCE BILL.

THE MATCH TAX.

LONDON, April 13.

The House of Commons has agreed to amendments of the Finance Bill, relieving from the tax matches made before April 5, and halving the tax on large boxes of matches.

THE WAR SERVICES OF THE AGA KHAN.

LONDON, April 13.

Reviewing the Aga Khan's services in the war, the Times says he has earned the gratitude of the whole Empire for his enthusiastic and practical support of the Allies.

BOWEL COMPLAINT IN CHILDREN.

DURING the summer months children are subject to disorders of the bowel, and should receive the most careful attention. As sources of natural looseness of the bowels is noticed Chamberlain's Cobalt Chloride, and Diarrhoea Remedy should be given. Formulas by all Chemists and Druggists.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE REMOVAL OF GERMANS FROM

S.S. "CHINA."

SIR EDWARD GREY'S REPLY TO AMERICA'S REPRESENTATIONS.

WASHINGTON, April 13.

Sir Edward Grey, in a strong reply to American representations regarding the removal of 38 Austrians, Germans and Turks from the steamer "China" near Shanghai, justifies the seizure on the ground that they were engaged in the clandestine trade of arms and in anti-British plotting, adding that there is no limit to Germany's illegal schemes for seeking victory.

Sir Edward Grey expresses the opinion that in view of what has happened in America the United States would not be disposed to maintain that the seizure was unjustifiable.

GERMAN SUBMARINE PIRACY.

REPLY TO AMERICA'S INQUIRIES.

NEW YORK, April 13.

The German Note to the United States admits the torpedoing of the "Englishman," "Eaglepoint," "Manchester," "Engines" and "Berwickshire" and tries to justify the acts under the rules of war.

The Note further states that German submarine torpedoed some steamship in the vicinity of the Suez, but evidence indicated that the vessel was not the "Suez."

The German Note says that the Captain of the submarine made a drawing of the vessel torpedosed. This does not resemble the "Suez." Therefore Germany is of the opinion that the vessel was the victim of a mine. In corroboration of this the Note declares that German Naval forces destroyed 26 floating mines that day.

Regarding the other ships mentioned, the Note says they disregarded the signals to halt. The submarine commanders assured themselves of the safety of the crews in the boats before sinking the ships.

AMERICA'S FINAL WORD.

OFFICIALS AT WASHINGTON, COMMENTING

ON THE NOTE.

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Officials at Washington, commenting on the Note, say that compilations of evidence of the submarine disasters since the "Lusitania" are being made for another Note to Germany which will be the final word of the United States.

THE BRITISH FRONT.

GALLANT FIGHTING OF THE CANADIANS.

LONDON, April 13.

The British communiqué says:

Last night we made a successful

small raid on the enemy's trenches near Richebourg-L'Avoue, killing ten Germans.

The enemy, last evening, thrice

successively attacked the West Pilckow-Ypres road. In the first attack they gained a footing in the trenches, but were quickly driven out. The other attacks were repulsed and twenty-five dead were left in front of our trenches and three prisoners were taken. We bombarded the enemy trenches in this area.

To-day there was considerable artillery

activity north-west of Wijtschaete, some shelling about Souchez, Cassel and Calonne and heavy hostile shelling

behind St. Eloi, but little shelling on the front line and the craters?

It is now established that the gallant

fighting of the Canadians in this neighbour hood inflicted heavy losses on the enemy last week.

MARRIED MEN'S UNION.

DEPUTATION RECEIVED BY MR. ASQUITH.

LONDON, April 13.

Mr. Asquith, receiving a deputation

from the self-styled Married Men's Union, indignantly repudiated the suggestion that the Government had broken its pledges. He was convinced that the married men were most loyal and he deprecated the Union's deplorable movement. The Government had decided to deal generously with married men. The amount of help they would receive from the State would be fixed later.

Your Directors, however, are quite prepared to invest further amounts, should circumstances permit, in any further war loans which may be floated.

EXPENSES.—At our Annual meeting last year I said we planned to be able to tell you that our expenses had been reduced to 12.75 per cent. of the premium income, but I am more pleased to be able to inform you this year that our expenses have been still further reduced to 6.75 per cent. or a reduction of nearly 33 per cent., as compared with the previous year, which I feel sure will be most satisfactory.

SIR.—Your Directors wish to record their high appreciation of the work done by the Staff during the year; as you are aware it has been very much reduced, by many of the members having volunteered and joined the Army.

Special thanks are due to our Secretary,

Mr. Jackson, for the remarkably good result of their work, and we fully realize his great services during the year.

I shall have much pleasure in proposing

to the Annual meeting next year for

the annual general meeting next year, I hope the terrible war will be ended in the manner we all feel sure it will end and that the members of our staff will have returned to their respective posts, improved and none the worse for the terrible experiences they are going through.

We have given them all leave of absence on full pay, less

their regimental pay, which will no doubt meet with your approval, as it did last year.

There is one other subject I must refer to before closing my statement and that is to inform you that we have appealed against the decision given in the Police Court last month against the Association and we expect the appeal will be heard shortly.

The case being sub judice I am, of course,

THE YANGTSE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

A dividend of 50 per cent. was declared

at the 23rd ordinary general meeting of shareholders of the Yangtse Insurance Association, Ltd., which was held on the afternoon of the 8th inst. at the company's offices at Shanghai. The board of directors were all present, comprising Mr. John Prentiss, chairman, Mr. C. W. Burkhill, Mr. D. M. Clarke, Mr. A. W. Burkhill, and Mr. W. B. Sutherland. The total number of shares represented was 7,186, and among the shareholders were the following:

Messrs. John Liddell, D. W. Crawford, James Ambrose, L. Midwood, D. M. Gubbay, T. A. Clark, W. G. Price, King, King-kong, G. D. Coutts, E. C. Emmett, G. E. Gridin, R. E. Tegg, W. H. Luck, Daniel Siford, W. S. Davidson, G. C. Nazier, W. A. C. Platt, J. H. McMichael, A. Broome Smith, C. R. Burkhill, E. M. Oliver, G. Willoughby, E. S. Kadlec, H. P. Souter, Jean Pison, A. L. Anderson, J. C. Dyer, and A. S. Raskett.

The secretary, Mr. W. S. Jackson, having read the usual notices convening the meeting, and the auditors' report, the chairman said:

Gentlemen.—The report and accounts for the year ended December 31, 1915, having been in your hands for some time, I presume, I take the liberty, but before formally proposing the adoption and passing the same, I propose to make a few remarks as customary. On these occasions, in the course of our business since we met last year,

It is very gratifying to your Directors to see that you will consider highly satisfactory working accounts and balance sheet.

I will first refer to working account 1914

and former years, a.d. from the alphabetical

balance of \$1,000,000, on the paid-up capital of the association, he declared

payable in taels at exchange 73, on April

1915, at the Chartered Bank of India,

Australia and China, or the Hongkong and

Shanghai Banking Corporation, Shanghai,

to shareholders of record on March 31,

1915.—Proposed by Mr. Prentiss and

seconded by Mr. B. A. Clarke.

That Mr. W. B. Sutherland be elected

a director of the association and also that

Messrs. John Prentiss, C. W. Wrightson,

A. Clarke and A. W. Burkhill be re-

lected directors to serve until the next

ordinary general meeting of shareholders.

—Proposed by Mr. W. A. C. Platt and

seconded by Mr. A. Brooks-Smith.

That Messrs. G. H. and N. Thomson be

elected auditors to serve until the next

ordinary general meeting of shareholders

and that their remuneration be £1,500

per annum.—Proposed by Mr. D. W.

Crawford and seconded by Mr. C. R.

Burkhill.

That the directors be hereby directed

and authorized to pay to the secretary and

staff of the association a bonus on their

salaries for last year, and that it be left to

the board to decide the amount to be paid,

which however, shall in no case exceed 20

per cent.—Proposed by Mr. Prentiss and

seconded by Mr. John Liddell.

In seconding the foregoing resolution,

and the expressed approval of those

present, Mr. Liddell spoke in glowing terms

of the work done by the staff a.d. by Mr.

Jackson in particular, the great prosperity

of the association reflecting great credit on

the latter. To Mr. Jackson's indefatigable

energy was due the association's success,

and in congratulating him Mr. Liddell felt

assured of the approval and appreciation of all shareholders.

Mr. Prentiss also had a few remarks to make in this connexion, reminding those present of the hard work and long hours put in by the whole staff who were more than deserving of the bonus.—*N. O. Daily News.*

prescluded from making any comments, but I think there can be no harm in expressing the hope that the decision of the Higher Court will be in favour of the Association.

I will now propose the first resolution

which is as follows:—

That the Report of the Directors and

the Statement of Accounts for the year

ended December 31, 1915, be presented be-

ing accepted and passed.

Mr. James Andrews said that although

the case referred to by the chairman

was still under judicial investigation, he thought there would be no harm in taking a question relative to the remarks of Mr. King in his recent judgment. He desired to know if the

directors or managers of the company

proposed to appoint German agents after the conclusion of the war.

The reply of the Chairman to the effect

that the association never had any intention

of appointing German agents, but had no such intention now, and will not have in the future, was greeted with applause from the shareholders, whereupon Mr. Ambrose said that he was not questioning the policy of the company's directors or managers, but that he was simply drawing attention to remarks that were made.

There being no further questions, the following five resolutions were unanimously adopted:

That the report of the Directors and

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LONDON & BOMBAY via NAGOYA STORE, PANG, COBO, ETC.	NEON	18th April.	Connecting at STONE, MANILA, CEBU, & ILIGO
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE (NANKIN and YOKOHAMA)	Aboit	21st April.	Connecting at AMBUJ
LONDON & BOMBAY via NAMUR STORE, PANG, COBO, ETC.	NEON	5th May.	Connecting at SINKIANG
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE (NANKIN and YOKOHAMA)	20th April.		DIRECT SAILINGS TO WEST RIVER—Twice Weekly
LONDON & BOMBAY via NAMUR STORE, PANG, COBO, ETC.	NEON	25th April.	S.S. "LINTAN" and S.S. "SANUL"
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SHANGHAI	NEON	21st April.	Connecting at CHINAN
MANILA, CEBU, & ILIGO	TEAN	April 18, at 4 p.m.	Leaving
SHANGHAI	AMBUJ	April 18, at 4 p.m.	Leaving
SHANGHAI	SINKIANG	April 20, at 4 p.m.	Leaving

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+ SHANGHAI	KWONGSANG	TUESDAY, April 18, Daylight.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CO.	KEUTSANG	WED'DAY, April 19, at 3 p.m.
HOIHOW & HAIPHONG	LOKSANG	THURSDAY, April 20, at 8 a.m.
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HOW THE MAJOJA SUNK:
 SURVIVORS' STORIES OF THEIR ESCAPE.

DIFFICULT RESCUE WORK.

The Dover correspondent of the Daily News, writing on February 27, says:—The P. & O. Company's liner Majoba, 12,400 tons was sunk to-day by striking mine in the English Channel, within sight of Dover. She was on a voyage from London to Bombay with about 140 passengers, 200 crew, and the Indian mail. The fatal mines were witnessed by large numbers of people who anxiously watched the progress of the explosion.

It was a few minutes after 11 o'clock in the morning when a violent explosion seawards caused many people (myself among them) to make their way to the side. The Majoba was observed to be in difficulties, and motor boats, tugs, and launches were soon racing towards her at full speed. They were promptly joined by patrol vessels which seemed suddenly to materialise from all directions, attracted by the liner's O.S. wireless calls and the sound of the explosion.

The huge steamer very quickly commenced to settle down. After the part of the ship, where she had suffered the damage, went under first until the seas were running level with her bridge. Then she took a very heavy list to starboard, and gradually rolled over until her starboard side was under the sea and decks perpendicular instead of horizontal.

LINE'S DISASTER.

After being in that position for a little time she suddenly heeled right over and completely capsized, showing a section of her keel for a few minutes. Then she disappeared beneath the waves in a cloud of steam from her boilers.

In the meantime rescue work had been steadily proceeding. Tugs, pinnaces, destroyers, and all sorts of craft were engaged in the operations, to the number of several dozen. The work was most difficult owing to the heavy list which the liner had taken from the start. It was impossible to launch boats from the port side, while the list to starboard would, in the opinion of seamen, cause jamming of the boat's gear. On that side many of the people appeared to be rescued by being taken direct from the sloping deck of the sinking liner aboard the smaller type of craft.

Just as the Majoba had sunk we had another thrilling experience. A second steamer was lost under exactly similar conditions within half a mile of the liner. This was a tank steamer, the Empress of Fort William, with three masts. She settled down by the stern, but the forepart of the vessel remained above the sea for some little time. The vessel then suddenly blew up, and the forepart disappeared in a cloud of steam.

I have obtained particulars of the disaster from some of the survivors.

Mr. V. S. Anderson, of Nottingham, said:—"We left the Thanatos Saturday morning, and were at anchor at half past six in the evening. I was looking out for our way to the port side when there was a tremendous explosion. The starboard side of the saloon was blown out. Glass and iron were flying everywhere, and water at once swamped the place. I rushed on to the deck, and saw a lady with two children endeavouring to find lifeboats for herself and one child. She had got one for the other child. I found the lady a lifebelly and took charge of the younger child. I tried to get them into a boat, but it was swinging in the davits, which appeared to have become broken. The boat capsized, and the lady and children were thrown into the sea. There were a number of vessels about, and I hope they were saved, but I have not been able to find anything of them since. I was in the sea for some time, and was then hauled into a boat and taken on to a trawler. A rather heavy sea was running. It continually broke in my face while I was in the water. The boats were picking up people who were swimming around, clinging to all sorts of wreckage. It only seemed about ten minutes from the explosion until the ship sank."

Mr. W. C. Avery, who is going to the East as representative of Messrs. Thomas Parsons and Son, of London, had a very narrow escape, and stated he owed his life to Chief Steward d' Chapman, of the Empress of Fort William.

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That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in manner following:—

(1) That the words "The Secretary" at the head of Articles 104 to 106 (inclusive) of the Company's Articles of Association be altered so as to read "The General Manager," and that in the Articles (No. 106 inclusive) and the marginal notes thereto wherever the word "Secretary" appears such word be substituted by the word "General Manager" and that in lieu thereof the words "General Manager" be inserted.

(2) That in the following Articles of the Company's Articles of Association, viz.—Articles Nos. 2, 10, 26, 50, 56, 103, 104, 122, 126, 159, and 163 inclusive, and the marginal notes thereto wherever the word "Secretary" appears such word be substituted by the word "General Manager" be inserted.

(3) That in Article No. 17 of the Company's Articles of Association the words "in Hongkong" shall be transposed so as to follow, just preceding, the words "an address".

(4) That in Article No. 41, in view of the words "15teen days" the words "ten days" shall be inserted.

(5) That in Article No. 49 of the Company's Articles of Association the words "for fourteene days after each deposit" shall be struck out.

(6) That in Article No. 74 of the Company's Articles of Association after the words "Any Shareholder" the words "whose address on the Shareholders Register shall not be in" shall be struck out and in lieu thereof the words "who may absent from" shall be inserted.

(7) That in Article No. 76 of the Company's Articles of Association the words "nor more than seven" be deleted.

(8) That after Article No. 106 the following new Article be inserted as Article No. 108A:—

The General Manager shall be appointed and may be removed by the Board and he shall in all matters be subject to its orders and directions, and shall be paid such salary as the Board may from time to time determine. The Board may at any time appoint any person or persons for any or an indefinite period to perform all or any of the duties and to exercise all or any of the powers of the General Manager, either in his absence or otherwise, and may from time to time cancel such appointment or appointments and make another or other such appointment or appointments in lieu thereof as the Board may see fit.

(9) That Article No. 130 of the Company's Articles of Association be cancelled and that the following Article be substituted for the same, viz.:—

All Notes or other documents given or served by the Company to or upon the Shareholders may be given or served by the Board either by advertisement or by notice sent by post, or otherwise, to the registered address of every Shareholder, or, if the Board thinks fit, both by advertisement and by notice as aforesaid.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN THAT a further Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held at No. 4 Connaught Road Central (the new Offices of the Company) on FRIDAY, the 12th day of May, 1916, at 12.30 p.m., for the purpose of receiving a report of the proceedings at the first mentioned Meeting and of confirming, if thought fit, as a Special Resolution the above mentioned Resolution.

Dated the 12th day of April, 1916.

By Order of the Board,
O. PEMBERTON,
Secretary.

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Per N.Y.K.s. Kamo Maru. From London March 22.—To Hongkong. Mr. Hatt, Dr. Sanders, Mr. G. O. Oswald, Miss Aitken, Mr and Mrs Holland and 2 children, Col. R. B. Campbell, Miss Atkinson. To Shanghai, Miss Holland, Mr and Mrs Milne, Miss Hughes and 2 children, Miss Smith, Miss Phillips, Mr and Mrs Starling and 2 children, Mrs D. and Mrs Clark, Mrs A. Holgate, Miss Golding.

SHIPPING

ARRIVALS.

Loerter, British str., 1,443. A. Jenkins, Saigon April 8, Rice—CHINA.

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